

# In the Appraiser's Room, Public Stores, U. S. Customs Department.



Tasting and analyzing tea, to determine its origin, nature and quality. The lower picture shows how a would-be smuggler hoped to import a watch duty-free by imbedding it in a book.



Opening and appraising cases of imported cigars, the "product of Cuba," as stated in the stenciled legend on the cases.



Silks occupy little space in proportion to their value; opening the cases for checking and examination of their contents.



One of the innumerable devices employed by smugglers: a vest designed to hide jewelry from prying eyes.



Condemned, forfeited or unclaimed: odds and ends of importation which, for one reason or other, have never left the Appraiser's warehouse. All of these goods will be disposed of at public auction.

Testing sugar by passing light through a tube containing crystals. The instrument is called a polariscope, and the process polarization.



Sumatra or Havana? Examining bales of imported leaf tobacco to be used in the manufacture of cigars "made in the U. S. A."